

**Minutes of Meeting
Rushville Historic Board
Tuesday, October 9, 2007
7:30 PM**

Roll Call: Present were Al Hodge, Gary Cameron, Joe Davis, Joe Rathz, Jim Huston, and William Todd.

Minutes: Motion by Joe Rathz to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2007 meeting as presented, seconded by Joe Davis. Motion passed.

Old Business: Joe Rathz is organizing a workshop with Bob Yapp for a January, February, or March time line. Tickets will be sold and may secure some funding from other local historic groups.

Jim Huston reported that Carla Sharp is working with Jack Harmon to get mailing labels so a letter explaining the historic district can be sent to each home in the historic district. A public meeting with the press being notified.

Gary Cameron reported on the Harvey property in the 300 block of North Arthur Street and Bill Todd reported that action is being pursued through the Area Plan Commission.

New Business: Bill Todd passed out copies of the Rushville City Zoning Ordinance Books and historic district maps. Discussion was held on several pages. Rathz advised that the maps were incorrect. Todd said he only had these issued by Jack Harmon. Todd asked how he could get the correct maps, and he will work on that. Todd will ask the APC attorney Gilda Caviness to clarify a couple of lines in the code book, especially to define the term "building inspector" and to bring zoning text and map change procedures in to compliance with state law. These will be presented to the board to take to City council and City Council can request APC to begin procedure to adopt them. Board members were in agreement that they wanted the code to comply clearly with state statute.

Todd also suggested that the historic board adopt a set of by-laws to direct them regarding policies and procedures for their actions. He volunteered to draft a proposed set of by-laws and share them with the board for comment and revision.

Todd also suggested a written policy or amendment to the ordinance that would allow review for non conspicuous changes or alterations in a dwelling or a building, giving Todd the authority to permit a property to go forward after consultation with two board members.

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Since this would decrease the inconvenience to citizens and prevent delays for them, the board seemed agreeable to create such a procedure.

Motion to adjourn by Jim Huston, seconded by Joe Davis, all voted aye.

Albert Hodge, Board Chairman

William Todd, Secretary